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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize Clifton Herford of Chicago who will be celebrating his 105th birthday on May 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herford was born in 1899 in Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herford moved from Alabama to Chicago as a young man and was employed by Benefield Glass Company, where he worked for over 30 years; he was married to the late Eleanor for over 40 years; together, they raised 4 children and one step-son, Ada Ford, James Benson, Leonard Newman, Berniece Herford, and James Benton; he has one sister, Bernice; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herford has witnessed amazing changes in technology throughout his life; most of all, he remembers being a young boy and "walking down the road often, there were no lights and the only way to see was light from lightening bugs."; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herford is an active member of the Park Manor Neighbors Community Organization and a member of Park Manor Christian Church; he retired as the church custodian when he was 97 years of age; also, he is a former member of the African American League of Alabama; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize Clifton Herford on the occasion of his 105th birthday and wish him good health and happiness in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to Clifton Herford.